

Today, I want to thank one member of my staff—Megan Machemahl, my staff assistant in my College Station, TX, district office—for everything she's done for me and my constituents in the almost 2 years that she has served as my representative in College Station.

Megan is a native of Houston who served as an intern in my Washington DC, office from August to December 1994. During her semester-long internship, Megan helped my permanent staff track legislation in committee and on the House floor, conduct legislative research, and answer constituent correspondence. She performed each of these tasks with enthusiasm and great professional skill, and I was grateful for all she did to help.

Little did I realize that so soon after she left, she would be rejoining my staff. Shortly after her internship ended and she had returned to Texas A&M University, my staff assistant in the College Station office announced his decision to leave. Remembering what a good job Megan had done during her internship, I offered her the opportunity to run the College Station office while she pursued her masters degree.

Fortunaely, she agreed. Since 1995, Megan has represented me at events and meetings in the western half of my congressional district, which includes Brazos, Washington, and Austin counties. Also, she has helped coordinate the congressional internship program for my College Station office—recruiting, selecting and training new student interns. She also designed a training manual for handling congressional casework.

Having earned her bachelors degree in journalism from Texas A&M University in August 1995, Megan is now working to her masters degree in educational human resource development, which she expects to receive in May 1997.

Megan is one of those hard-working men and women who make all of us in this institution look better than we deserve. I know she has done that for me, and I appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, loyalty, and professionalism she has exhibited throughout the years it has been my privilege to know and work with her.

Megan's plans after she earns her masters degree are as yet uncertain, but knowing her as well as I do, I am confident that her professional skills and personal qualities—skills and qualities she has demonstrated in my office—will lead to continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying thank you to Megan Machemahl for her loyal service to me, to the men and women of Texas' Eighth Congressional District, and to this great institution. And I know you join with me in wishing her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

WE'RE GLAD OLIVIA SIMMONS
AND DARYL EDWARDS WERE
HERE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, like so many communities across America and some parts of the world, New Jersey's 10th Congressional District lost some of its mem-

bers in the crash of TWA flight 800 on July 17. This evening at the St. Matthew AME Church in Orange, NJ, a memorial service, organized under the direction of Orange Mayor Mims Hackett, is being held for Olivia Simmons, one of the victims.

By all accounts, Olivia Simmons was a caring individual who cherished life. She did what she could to make life as beneficial as possible for others. Ms. Simmons was a teacher in the Newark school system for 28 years. She taught at the Clinton Avenue School and the Broadway Elementary School. In the past several years, Ms. Simmons was also a school librarian.

Ms. Simmons loved the written word and dedicated her life to opening new horizons by encouraging others to appreciate books and other written material. She was an avid reader who belonged to literary clubs and the International Reading Association.

Ms. Simmons valued multiculturalism. In addition to her teacher/librarian duties she also was a flight attendant for 21 years. Because of her love and respect for our different cultures, she traveled during weekends and summers.

Mr. Speaker, we also lost another in that terrible crash, Daryl Edwards. Mr. Edwards was a flight attendant with TWA for 18 years. He was born in Newark, NJ and raised in East Orange, NJ. He graduated from East Orange High School. He attended and graduated from American University in Washington, DC.

One of Mr. Edwards' delights was cooking. He was an accomplished chef, having been graduated from the Peter Kamp Culinary School in New York City. He owned a catering business. Mr. Edwards gave and received great joy through his culinary art.

Mr. Speaker, Olivia Simmons and Daryl Edwards were two warm, friendly and caring individuals. Their absence will be felt. However, although we will miss them, we're glad they were here.

2002 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES FACILITATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, following is the Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for H.R. 3907, a bill to facilitate the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in the State of Utah at the Snowbasin Ski area, to provide for the acquisition of lands within the Sterling Forest Reserve, and for other purposes, that passed the House on Tuesday, July 30, 1996.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 29, 1996.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
Chairman, Committee on Resources, U.S. House
of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 3907, a bill to facilitate the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in the state of Utah at the Snowbasin Ski Area, to provide for the acquisition of lands within the Sterling Forest Reserve, and for other purposes, as introduced in the House of Representatives on July 26, 1996. Assuming appropriation of the necessary sums, CBO estimates that the federal government would

spend \$17.5 million over the next several years to implement Title II of this bill. In addition, Title I of the bill would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, we estimate that any change in direct spending would be insignificant.

FEDERAL BUDGETARY IMPACT

Title I would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer to the Sun Valley Company 1,230 acres of federally owned land for the Snowbasin Ski Area, located within the Cache National Forest in Utah. In exchange, the Forest Service would receive about 4,100 acres of privately owned land of roughly equal value located within the Cache National Forest. Based on conversations with the committee staff, we understand that the map designations are intended to be the same as those in H.R. 2402, as reported by the Committee on Resources on December 15, 1995. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that this exchange would cause the federal government to lose receipts from permit fees totaling less than \$25,000 annually. We estimate that no significant change in discretionary spending would result from implementing this title.

Title II would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer funds to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission for the purpose of acquiring lands and related interests in the Sterling Forest Reserve in New York. The title would authorize the appropriation of up to \$17.5 million for this purpose. In addition, section 202 would authorize the Secretary to exchange unreserved federal lands for about 2,220 acres of nonfederal property in Sterling Forest. The Secretary would be directed to transfer to the commission any land acquired by exchange.

Assuming that the entire amounts authorized for land acquisition would be appropriated as needed by the commission, CBO estimates that the Secretary of the Interior would transfer \$17.5 million to the commission over the next several years. It is unlikely that any land exchanges would be executed under the authority provided in this title because there is probably no federal land suitable for exchange purposes in New York, and any federal land located in other states could probably not be used for the exchange without specific legislative authority.

IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

H.R. 3907 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-4). The state of Utah would lose a small amount of receipts as a result of the proposed land transfer in Title I because it receives 25 percent of the permit fees paid by ski areas on federal lands within the state. The bill would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

This bill would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in Public Law 104-4.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATES

On March 17, 1995, CBO completed a cost estimate for S. 223, the Sterling Forest Protection Act of 1995, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 15, 1995. S. 223 also would authorize the appropriation of \$17.5 million for acquisition and transfer of the Sterling Forest lands. The Senate bill contains other provisions that would have cost the federal government about \$200,000. Because these provisions are not included in H.R. 3907, estimated costs for this bill are lower.